

Annual Report

Driver Education and Training

Public and
Commercial Schools

Fiscal Year 2003



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INTRODUCTION

This report provides an overview of the Idaho Driver Education and Training Program and costs incurred by school districts offering driver education during the Fiscal Year 2003 (July 1, 2002-June 30, 2003). The report also includes information about the commercial driving schools providing teen driver education and training.

DRIVER EDUCATION SUMMARY

Summarizes student enrollment in public and commercial schools, public school overview, number of collisions, program enhancements, and goals for FY2004

FY 2004 PROGRAM GOALS

Identifies eight goals to achieve during the new fiscal year.

PROGRAM EVALUATIONS

Lists the public school districts, and commercial driving schools where comprehensive program evaluations were conducted.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS STATISTICAL PICTURE

Summarizes student enrollment, expenditures, and reimbursements from the state.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Summarizes the Controller's fund balance, monthly receipts, administrative and training costs and reimbursement payments to school districts made by the State Department of Education.

INDIVIDUAL DISTRICT REPORTS

Four tables show, by district, the annual student enrollments, operating expenses, reimbursements, and teachers' hourly salary rates.

LICENSED COMMERCIAL DRIVING SCHOOLS

Identifies the name and location of all licensed commercial driving schools.

COMMERCIAL DRIVING SCHOOLS STATISTICAL PICTURE

Summarizes teen student enrollments, student failures, and range of fees charged.

DRIVER EDUCATION SUMMARY

Enrolled Teen Driver Students

One hundred eight (108) public school districts and 35 commercial driving schools offered driver education and training during Fiscal Year 2003 (July 1 – June 30). Of the 35 commercial driving schools, all but one provided training for new teen drivers. One new driving school contracted exclusively with a public school district.

Idaho's public schools were reimbursed for 12,822 students. Some school districts choose the option of filing a reimbursement claim annually; consequently some claims are not processed until the next fiscal year. The statistical information for 32 school districts training 3,292 students during FY2003 will appear on the next annual report.

The number of students reported trained by 34 of the 35 licensed commercial driving schools was 4,762.

If we assume that the total FY2003 ninth grade public and non-public school enrollment of 20,448 students was the potential driver education student population, then approximately 63% were enrolled in public schools and 23% were enrolled in commercial driving schools. If this is accurate, then of the eligible students, 86% were enrolled in driver education.

Public Schools Financial Overview

The total cost for operating the public school driver education program for FY2003 was \$2,842,692.25. Of that amount, students paid \$1,128,447.03 in fees and school districts were reimbursed \$1,341,302.68 for the state's share of the program. The average cost per student at the public school district level was \$223.83. The adjusted cost after deducting student fees was \$134.97. The average state reimbursement was \$105.61 per student. Student fees increased 14% from an average of \$67.79 to \$77.40. Instructor wages increased .02% from an average of \$15.63/hour to \$15.93/hour.

Expenses for operating vehicles contributed to almost 23% of the cost for driver training. Vehicle rental/leases increased .08%, gas and oil increased .04%, insurance leaped to a 24% increase over last fiscal year, and repairs dented the budget with a 9% increase.

Crashes

Fifteen crashes involving driver education vehicles were reported during FY2003. When a crash was a student driver's fault, it was typically caused by an error in judgment for time and space management. Six crashes were caused when an inattentive driver crashed into the driver education vehicle. Other drivers who also committed a hit and run caused two crashes.

Program Enhancements

The Graduated Driver Licensing Law has had a positive affect on driver education. Parents are more involved with their teen drivers because the law requires them to provide an additional 50 hours of supervised practice with their teen drivers. During the fiscal year 17,646 copies of *The Road to Skilled Driving — Supervising Driver Practice Guide* were distributed by the Department of Education, at no charge. Public schools consumed almost 13,000 copies and the commercial driving schools consumed 4600 copies for distribution to students and their parents. The guide is also available in a Spanish edition. The guide can be downloaded at the following web site: www.sde.state.id.us/drivedred.

Forty-five new instructors were trained in three separate courses at two of the state's three universities, bringing the state's total number of currently certified driver education instructors to 483. During FY2003, 417 teachers were approved to teach driver education in the public schools and 66 instructors were licensed for the commercial driving schools.

New rules were adopted for the public schools' teen driver education and training programs raising many standards including: establishing the essential knowledge and skills for driver education and training; scheduling of instruction to eliminate long hourly classes during a school day; teachers must obtain 15 hours of professional development every two years; behind-the-wheel instructors must complete a physical every two years; and students must achieve 80% to pass driver education. During the spring, ten workshops were held throughout the state for the public schools to review the new rules. Eighty-nine percent of the school districts participated by sending 235 teachers and administrators to the workshops.

Some commercial schools did not agree with their proposed new rules consequently work continues on developing improved rules for commercial driving schools.

During August 2002, the Idaho Driver Education Program and the Idaho Skills Training Advantage for Riders (STAR) training program, along with the National Association of State Motorcycle Safety Administrators (SMSA) hosted a national traffic safety conference in Boise. Approximately 400 driver education instructors, motorcycle safety instructors, researchers, federal and state agencies and law enforcement personnel from around the country and Idaho participated in this conference. This partnership allowed shared resources to address similar needs and concerns to improve highway safety.

A writing task force reviewed *The Essential Knowledge and Skills* and made improvements resulting in the identification of 45 specific topics. The Model Curriculum Guide contains Content Standards and the goal for completing the curriculum modules is 2004.

The Idaho Driver Education Specialist was elected as President of the American Driver and Traffic Safety Education Association (ADTSEA) with the one-year term of office beginning in August 2004. The American Driver and Traffic Safety Education Association is the professional association which represents traffic safety educators throughout the United States and abroad.

The Goals for Idaho's Driver Education Program for Fiscal Year 2004 Include:

1. Complete the development of the model curriculum guide for Idaho's driver education and training program to help ensure all students are trained in the essential knowledge and skills that can establish good habits for reduced risk driving.
2. Conduct workshops throughout the state to train teachers on methods and techniques to adopt and adapt the new curriculum to their local program.
3. Conduct a survey to determine the use and effectiveness of *The Road to Skilled Driving– Supervising Driver Practice Guide*. Results of the survey will be used to improve the guide. We will continue to distribute the guide free.
4. Encourage and support improved standards and practices for driver education teacher certification.
5. Provide direction and leadership to the driver education and training community to promote and support the best practices in driver education.
6. Assist with the development of proposed rules for commercial driving schools.
7. Monitor programs for compliance with current rules, laws, and standards.
8. Review forms, policies, and standards for driver and traffic safety education programs to ensure they are current and effective.

PROGRAM EVALUATIONS

PUBLIC SCHOOLS REVIEWED

ADA COUNTY

Meridian #002

BENEWAH COUNTY

St. Maries #041

Plummer-Worley #044

BUTTE COUNTY

Butte County #111

CANYON

Vallivue #139

Nampa Charter #495

ELMORE COUNTY

Mountain Home #193

TWIN FALLS

Hansen #415

COMMERCIAL SCHOOLS REVIEWED

ADA COUNTY

ABC Driving School
Meridian

ABI Driving School
Boise

ADA County Driving School
Boise

Cavener Driving School
Meridian

Excel Driving Academy
Meridian

Elite Driving School
Meridian

Hawkins Driving School
Boise

CANYON COUNTY

Safe Start Driving School

MINIDOKA COUNTY

R & R Driving School

TWIN FALLS

SOS Driving School

BANNOCK COUNTY

R & R Driving School

Bruce's Driving School

PUBLIC SCHOOLS STATISTICAL PICTURE Fiscal Year 2003

—	Student Enrollment	12,822
—	Students Completing Minimum Requirements.....	12,700.50
—	Percentage of Failures.....	1.1%
—	Total District Cost	\$2,842,692.25
—	Total Fees Collected from Students.....	\$1,128,447.03
—	Total State Reimbursement	\$1,341,302.68
—	State Reimbursement Percentage of Cost	78.2%
—	Average Cost per Student	\$223.83
—	Average Fee Charged	\$77.40
—	Average Adjusted Cost per Student after Fees.....	\$134.97
—	Average Reimbursement per Student.....	\$105.61
—	Average Instructors' Hourly Rate	\$15.93

Where the District Money Goes:

—	Instructor Salaries and Benefits	71.9%
—	Driver Education Vehicles.....	22.5%
—	Materials and Equipment	1.0%
—	Administrative Charges.....	4.1%
—	Office Supplies and Assistance	less than 1%

PUBLIC SCHOOLS FINANCIAL SUMMARY

REVENUE

Ending Fund Balance FY2002	\$1,672,100.04
Total Receipts for FY2003.....	1,974,709.26
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TOTAL Available Funds for FY2003	\$3,646,809.30

EXPENDITURES

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURES

Personnel Costs	\$ 133,593.35
Operating Costs	44,878.93
Capital Outlay	8,763.19
Instructor Training and Materials	65,418.18
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	\$ 252,653.65

STATE REIMBURSEMENTS TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS

September 2002	\$ 603,896.46
February 2003	281,892.99
June 2003.....	455,513.23
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	\$1,341,302.68

TOTAL Expenditures	\$1,507,781.21
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ENDING FUND BALANCE FOR FY2003.....	\$2,052,852.97
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INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORTS



Student Information Table A



Districts' Operating Cost Table B



Districts' Financial Summary Table C



Teachers' Hourly Salary Rate..... Table D

LICENSED COMMERCIAL DRIVING SCHOOLS

The minimum legal licensing age in Idaho is age 17. Teen drivers can earn a restricted license as early as age 15 if they successfully complete an approved driver education and training program. The standards for the course include: 30 hours in the classroom, 6 hours behind-the-wheel, and 6 hours observing from the rear seat, during a minimum period of 42 days (6 weeks).

Ten new driving schools were licensed during FY2003 bringing the total number to 40 including three schools with satellite sites. The following schools were licensed to conduct driver education and training for the public during FY2003.

ADA COUNTY

ABC Drivers Education
Meridian

ABI Driving School
Boise

Ada County Driving School
Boise

Cavener Driver Education
Meridian

Eiguren Driving School
Boise

Elite Driving School
Meridian

Excel Driving Academy
Meridian

Hatch's Driver Trainer
Meridian

Hawkins Driver Education
Boise

Nakano Driving School
(Adult drivers only)
Boise

Ryals Driving School
Eagle

BANNOCK COUNTY

Bruce's Driving School
Pocatello

Green Light Driving School
Pocatello

R&R Driving School
Pocatello

BENEWAH COUNTY

Idaho Panhandle Driving School
Coeur d'Alene

BLAINE COUNTY

Professional Driving School
Hailey

Sun Valley Driving School, Inc.
Sun Valley

BONNER COUNTY

Panhandle Driving School
Sandpoint

BONNEVILLE COUNTY

A+ Driving School
Idaho Falls

Dynamic Driving School
Idaho Falls

Premier Driving School, Inc.
Idaho Falls

Rocky Mountain Driving School
Idaho Falls

LICENSED COMMERCIAL DRIVING SCHOOLS (Cont.)

BOUNDARY COUNTY

Coeur d'Alene Driver Education Training
Bonners Ferry

Bonners Ferry Driver Education
Bonners Ferry

CAMAS COUNTY

High Desert Driving School
Fairfield

CANYON COUNTY

Genesis Driving School
Nampa

Karen Ryals Driving School
Caldwell

Safe Start Driving School
Caldwell

GEM COUNTY

Gem County Driving Academy
Emmett

JEROME COUNTY

A Generation of New Drivers, LLC.
Jerome

KOOTENAI COUNTY

A&A Driving School
Coeur d'Alene

Idaho Panhandle Commercial Driving
School
Coeur d'Alene

North Idaho Commercial Driver Education
Post Falls

LATAH COUNTY

Moscow Driving School
Moscow

Gem S.T.A.R. Driving School
Moscow

MINIDOKA COUNTY

R&R Driving School
Heyburn

ONEIDA COUNTY

R&R Driving School
Malad

TWIN FALLS COUNTY

A Generation of New Drivers, LLC
Buhl

Professional Driving School
Twin Falls

SOS Driving School
Twin Falls

**COMMERCIAL SCHOOLS
STATISTICAL PICTURE
Teen Driver Education and Training
Fiscal Year 2003**

Of the 35 licensed schools, all but one responded to the survey

Student Enrollment..... 4,762

Student Failures 47

Percentage Failures01%

Fee Range.....\$199 - \$395

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